

## Schaefer, Christina

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**From:** Stefanie Devin [sdevin@tos.state.ia.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2001 1:37 PM  
**To:** 'Schaefer, Christina'  
**Cc:** Bret Mills; Mike Fitzgerald  
**Subject:** RE: Admin. and Reg. Subcommittee Budget Request

Recently you inquired about the impact of a 5% reduction in our FY01 budget and the impact of a FY01 deappropriation of the under-budget personnel services reflected on our Schedule 9. Please allow me to respond to both inquiries in this letter.

The treasurer's office prides itself on being fiscally prudent. Although our responsibilities have expanded, we have not asked for an increase in our operating appropriation for nine years! In just the last year, the treasury assumed responsibilities related to VISION IOWA and Tobacco settlement. We took on these tasks with enthusiasm and care, but not with additional funding. We weathered many budget cuts through the years, always working hard to innovate and automate in order to keep costs down.

Either of the above actions, by itself, would create great hardship for the treasurer's office. Every dollar appropriated to the office is committed to performing the services described in the handout provided to the subcommittee earlier this month. There is no room for financial cuts without cuts in service. We feel our operation is lean and efficient. We would ask for the subcommittee's direction in identifying areas for reduction.

Let me voice one final concern. Cuts in funding at this point would certainly affect our people, since personnel services comprises more than 80% of our operating budget. These are busy, hard-working state employees who already have been asked to do more and more. If staff is cut, work will not get done in a timely manner. Work product and internal controls may suffer. Because of the nature of our work, I am concerned that this could end up costing the state money.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Schaefer, Christina [mailto:cschaef@legis.state.ia.us]  
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**Subject:** Admin. and Reg. Subcommittee Budget Request

The Administration and Regulation Subcommittee met this morning to discuss various subcommittee topics including possible deappropriations for FY 2001. The Chairs stressed that a deappropriations bill would not be assembled